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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Robert E. Reuter, et al.	)	<b>PATENT</b>
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<b>Serial No.:</b>	09/636,359	)	<b>Group Art Unit:</b> 3635
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<b>Filing Date:</b>	August 11, 2000	)	<b>Examiner:</b> C. Nguyen
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<b>Entitled:</b>	HYBRID OFFICE PANEL CONSTRUCTION FOR A MODULAR OFFICE FURNITURE SYSTEM		

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2006, Applicants hereby amend the  
above-identified application as follows: